(6) Rural reconstruction work such as paper-making, bee-keeping, poultry-keeping and (7) Scouting.

(*e*) Two.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) 1. K. T. George, Rs. 25 a month.

2. Miss Rosey Mathew, Honorary.

(*h*) Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, what is the kind of help that is given by Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: We pay Rs. 5 a month for the pupil and Rs. 25 for the teacher as salary.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know how many borders are there in the school?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: It is given there. They are all residents there.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, whether this K. T. George has anything to do with K. T. Mathew, the Manager?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I have no information.

INSTITUTE FOR BLIND, KUNNAMKULAM

67. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is an Institute for the Blind in Kunnamkulam;

(*b*) who is the Proprietor of the school or the persons who are in management of the same;

(*c*) its strength;

(*d*) kind of training given;

(*e*) teachers employed, their names and hours of work;

(*f*) help, if any, granted by the Government;

(*g*) whether it receives any contribution from other agencies?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Mr. K. T. Mathew is the Manager.

(*c*) 22.

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(*d*) *i.* Reading and writing according to Braille System.

ii. Arithmetic following Taylor method.

iii. Instruction is being imparted in all the subjects taught in ordinary English schools, but using special appliances for the Blind obtained from England.

iv. Agriculture.

v. Industries such as weaving, rattan work.

vi. Rural reconstruction work such as paper-making, bee-keeping, poultry-keeping.

vii. Scouting and

viii. Music.

(*e*) Four teachers.—*i.* Messrs. K. I. Pavu, K. P. Ittyerah, K. T. Job and C. M. Varathappan.

ii. Hours of work: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an interval of one hour during mid-day.

(*f*) *i.* Grant at Rs. 5 per pupil per month subject to a maximum of 20 pupils.

ii. Grant for the teacher of class I and II, Rs. 20 per month.

iii. Grant for the teacher of class III and IV, Rs. 30 per month.

iv. Grant for the teacher of Form I, Rs. 35 per month.

(*g*) No regular fixed contribution is being received from other agencies.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, how many students are there in each class?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I am sorry I have not got the figures up-to-date.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Here it is stated as 22 and there are 5 classes. May I know what is the pay of the teachers of classes I and 2?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Rs. 20 per month for a teacher.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Taking the total salary of all the teachers, the amount comes to Rs. 135. This is for giving instructions to 22 students. Besides these, the students have to be paid at Rs. 5 per pupil.

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know what is the kind of scouting given?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There are quite a lot of scouting work within the school compound, as obviously they cannot go outside. We have had a scout troop from this school which participated in the Scout Rally. They could do practically all work, which does not require sight since the other senses having been greatly substituted for sight.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there are only 22 students in the whole State, or in Kunnamkulam?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It not only caters to the requirements of Kunnamkulam, but the whole State. But Kunnamkulam was selected. The figures in the school does not in any way show the statistics with regard to the blind in Cochin.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether from agriculture, and other industries, they get any money?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* You cannot expect any substantial income from such things in the initial stages. But I have examined the results of their vocational work and find that they are greatly improved.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether after their full course, they will be able to look after themselves?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* This course is intended to give them all possible aids to look after themselves. And, you can very well imagine how far the blind can look after themselves when they are lacking in the sense of sight.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* I want to bring to the notice of the Government whether it is worth while to spend large sums of money on these 22 students.

Mr. President: This is question time. It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there is any other institution of the kind in the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* No. There is none.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether there are students from this school who sat for the Public Examinations?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes, for the III Form Public Examination.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Why not the Government assume the management of the institution themselves?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Firstly, the question of investment and, secondly, this school calls for closer personal attention. The Head of the Department will not be able to bestow his personal attention. Hence it is now vested in the hands of a private gentleman who is taking personal interest in the welfare of the school.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Was not Mr. K. T. Mathew, its manager, absent for some time, being in Ceylon?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I am not aware, but I can tell you that the school is receiving his personal attention, as well as the attention of his agents.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is there any case where the manager is unable to maintain the institution?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Not to my knowledge.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What is the amount of contribution Mr. Mathew is getting from other agencies?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I am not aware. I do not have exact figures to answer that question. But I know he has been receiving contributions from other philanthropic institutions outside Cochin. He is making his own contributions.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know whether a student of this school secured a scholarship?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

EDUCATIONAL CONCESSIONS TO DEPRESSED CLASS CONVERTS—PREVIOUS ORDERS REGARDING

68. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the Council.—

(*a*) copy of the proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction No. C. 4805/110, dated 26th January 1927 referred to in answer to question No. 39 Legislative Council Report dated 27th July 1927;

(*b*) copy of the Government Order then in force on which the then Director of Public Instruction has based his proceedings referred to above in (*a*);

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